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Gov't: PA national service plan camouflage for draft

By JON IMMANUEL

The Palestinian Legislative Council yesterday proposed a national service law which would draft all high school graduates for one year's work in Palestinian public projects, including the police, but not for security-related service, the council speaker Ahmed Qurie said. David Bar-Ilan, the prime minister's communications director, called the idea "a camouflage for openly setting up a draft for an army. The fact that a draft has been announced is a severe violation of the Oslo accords." Qurie said the service could not include training in weapons, but it could include police work "in public order or traffic control, so long as this was not security work because we are tied to the Oslo agreement."

In the Oslo agreement, the number of security officers and civil police is strictly limited to 30,000, but most sources, including Palestinians, believe the number has far surpassed that. Bar-Ilan said he did not believe the draft would be limited to civilian work. "These ostensible announcements have very little in common with the truth. Our experience is that when the worst is indicated it usually happens," he said. Qurie said "it is just an idea and the legal committee has been recommended to study it." The purpose of the proposal, he said, was to provide work for graduates and would include service in government services, agriculture and industry. Azmi Shuaibi, the initiator of the proposal, said it could "include work in hospitals and road construction."

He said the motivation behind the draft was not to establish an army but to provide jobs and develop the Palestinian economy. In a street demonstration in Nablus yesterday, some 2,000 marched, including a group of uniformed youths carrying toy rifles on their shoulders, and women dressed in white carrying placards saying "we want peace." Nablus has been opened by the IDF as a part of a series of measures to ease the closure. In the wake of the closure, including the "inner closure" imposed on Palestinian towns after the Mahaneh Yehuda suicide bombings on July 30, the legislative council meeting in Ramallah passed a series of resolutions both condemning the closure and condemning terrorism. "It is the first time that the council

in the name of the Palestinian people, condemned terrorism from wherever it comes, including in Jerusalem, and sent its appreciation to the peace camp. It also called for an Arab summit meeting to recon- sider normalization with Israel and its participation in an economic conference in Doha," Qurie said. Palestinians have been embittered by the closure, and the national service proposal comes after PA Chairman Yasser Arafat made a speech to Fatah leaders last week telling Palestinians "to prepare for the biggest battle yet.... loyal to the

oath we took since we fired our first bullet." He denied this was a call to armed struggle, saying it was a call to withstand the closure that he said was an Israeli declaration of war. Arafat said Friday he thought the Palestinians were justified in considering the closure a declaration of war because Israeli officials themselves have told the Palestinian Authority the Mahaneh Yehuda bombers came from abroad. "Israeli security officials told us that they came from abroad," Arafat told Channel 1. Cabinet Secretary Dan Naveh said no Israeli intelligence sources said this "because the investigation has not been completed. In any case the infrastructure of the terrorist groups, of Hamas and Islamic Jihad, is here and the root of the problem is that hundreds of Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorists are walking free."

Naveh also denied another assertion by Arafat that Israel called off three-way security cooperation involving the US three weeks before the bombing. "It was very strange. I was amazed by that," said Arafat. Naveh responded that "Israel certainly accepts the Americans as part of the security meetings between ourselves and the Palestinians, in contrast to what was said last night, but that does not release the Palestinians from their obligation to continuous two-sided security cooperation with Israel." Arafat also denied that his senior police chief, Brig. Ghazi Jabali, had been involved in ordering an attack on settlers near Nablus, an order, which by implication, he said, must have come from Arafat himself. "Am I an idiot? I am not insane. I am one of the world's leaders," he said.

Arafat said he was doing the maximum to prevent terrorism and had not released terrorists from prison, despite Israeli claims to the contrary. He told his cabinet in Ramallah Friday, and he told the legislative council yesterday, Palestinian security forces found a new bomb factory in Kalkilya, close to Kfar Sava, similar to the one found in Beit Sahur last month. He provided no details. In his TV interview, Arafat addressed Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu: "I want to ask him a question, Netanyahu, who considers himself a politician. A whole nation of three million people - doesn't he think that this closure is going to have an effect on them? Aren't all these policies encouragement to the extremist forces?" Steve Rodan and Mohammed Najib contributed to this report.

Ross to meet PM, Arafat today

By JAY BUSHINSKY

US special envoy Dennis Ross is expected to start his bid to upgrade the Palestinian Authority's effort to smash terrorist cells in the West Bank and Gaza Strip by conferring with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu before this morning's cabinet session and then traveling to Gaza for talks with PA Chairman Yasser Arafat. The American diplomat arrived yesterday, along with a support staff consisting of the State Department's Aaron Miller and the National Security Council's Bruce Reidell. US Ambassador Martin Indyk will work with the team throughout its stay.

Netanyahu will be taking time out from his talks with Ross on Wednesday to visit Amman to brief King Hussein on his talks with the US envoy. Ross's first day in Israel is expected to include a meeting in Caesarea with President Ezer Weizman, whose planned visit to Washington evidently is part of the newly reactivated American peace initiative. The primary purpose of Ambassador Ross's visit will be to deal with the security dimensions of the current crisis. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said in her first major speech on the Middle East since taking office. She was speaking to the National Press Club in Washington last Wednesday. Albright's projected trip to the Middle East at the end of this month depends on the success of Ross's attempt to nudge Israel and the PA back to the negotiating table by reconciling their differences over security and settlements.

Netanyahu's communications director, David Bar-Ilan, said he hoped Ross "will be effective in pushing the PA to do what we have been asking it to do for the past four years: fight terrorism." See ROSS, Page 2



Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah adjusts his cloak during a press conference Friday in a Beirut suburb. Nasrallah claimed Hizbullah was not responsible for Friday's Katyusha rocket attack on Kiryat Shmona.

IAF retaliates for rocketing of K. Shmona

Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

Israel Air Force planes struck twice in Lebanon over the weekend in retaliation for the Katyusha rocket attack on Kiryat Shmona on Friday morning. Five persons were reported killed in the air strikes. It was the first time Katyushas

"This is a new tactic of Hizbullah's, to ignore the attacks it carries out," said a Northern Command source. "It's a new policy of cowards who refuse to accept responsibility, but all the signs in the field indicate that we are talking about a Hizbullah action."

General Command at Na'ameh, south of Beirut. Channel 1 reported four people killed in that attack. Observers said the strikes were meant to send a message to the Lebanese government and Syria to put the brakes on Hizbullah. Two Katyushas fell on Kiryat

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had hit Kiryat Shmona since the understandings reached 15 months ago that ended the cross-border fighting in Operation Grapes of Wrath. The understandings forbid attacks against civilian targets. One Kiryat Shmona resident was lightly injured by flying glass and two others were treated for shock. At a press conference on Friday, Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah denied that his organization was responsible for the Katyusha attack. He warned that Hizbullah might resume cross-border attacks if last year's pact continued to unravel. But the IDF said the Katyushas were fired from the areas of Barasheet and Shakra, both centers of Hizbullah activity. Hizbullah leaders had been threatening for several days to retaliate for the killing of two commanders and three other gunmen in an IDF action last Monday.

Friendly fire wounds 2 soldiers

Two IDF soldiers were wounded by friendly fire late Friday night, when a force on patrol identified two suspicious figures some distance away in the dark and some members of the force opened fire, accidentally hitting their comrades. One soldier is in critical condition with a head wound, while the other suffered moderate wounds to his back and leg. Both were hospitalized in Rambam Hospital in Haifa. Channel 1 reported that two Hizbullah gunmen fled the scene after the incident, which took place near Karkum in the western sector of the security zone. OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine ordered an investigation. According to Channel 1, the force was organized in a semicircle when the gunmen were spotted several dozen meters behind the soldiers on the rear end of the semicircle. Soldiers on the front end of the semicircle, facing the gunmen, opened fire, hitting their comrades. This was the seventh incident of casualties from friendly fire in the past five years. Seven soldiers were killed and five wounded in the earlier accidents. (Hun)

An air strike yesterday hit a Hizbullah base in eastern Lebanon, near the Lebanese-Syrian border, killing one and wounding three. On Friday, IAF warplanes bombed a base of Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-

Shmona around 6 a.m. Friday. One exploded in the street, while the second hit the Sha'arei Hashanayim synagogue just as worshippers had finished their morning prayers. See IAF, Page 2

Cabinet to discuss '98 budget

By DAVID HARRIS

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman is to present the cabinet with a proposal today for a 1998 state budget of NIS 164.4 billion, according to an advanced copy of the plan. The Treasury also will recommend a target of collecting NIS 156.8b. in revenues. These two key budgetary forecasts mean the state budget deficit, excluding credit, would be 2.4 percent of gross domestic product. Neeman also will tell the cabinet that next year's inflation target will remain at its current level of 7-10%. This decision, taken after consultation with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, is in direct contradiction of the Bank of Israel's request to reduce the target rate to 6-9% in accordance with the government goal of 4% inflation by 2001. The plan to reduce the budget deficit means a real terms budget cut of NIS 2.5-3b. from the 1998 budget. The Treasury document explains the budget and planned deficit as part of the government's plan to restimulate economic growth, particularly in the private sector. In order to achieve this aim there must be a graduated reduction in the size of the deficit as a percentage of GDP, a cut in public sector spending and a reduction of the tax burden, or at least no increase in it. If it becomes apparent that any of the key macroeconomic goals are not being met, Neeman will call for an urgent meeting of the government to readress its priorities, the document concludes. Later today the Knesset Finance Committee will debate and vote on the additional NIS 800 million budget cut for 1997. Among those already expressing opposition to the cuts are Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, Education Minister Zeev Elkin Hammer and Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai. In today's cabinet session ministers also will be told by senior Treasury officials that growth will only reach 3.3-5% next year with unemployment likely to peak at 7.9% or some 200,000 people. These and other macroeconomic forecasts for the period 1998-2000 will be presented in a document prepared by the Treasury.

in order to achieve this limited growth, compared to annual rates of over 6% in the early '90s, the Treasury will also ask ministers to approve about 100 structural reforms in the economy aimed at liberalizing, demonopolizing and reducing state involvement in the economy. It is still unclear when the ministers will vote on any of the proposals today or whether they will wait until the final budget decision set for August 31 and September 1. The Hizbullah is threatening to call an open-ended general strike at the weekend if the government approves the plan for structural changes in the economy today. The strike would include all workers' unions. Labor Party whip MK Rafan Cohen yesterday issued a statement sharply criticizing the government's budgetary policy. "This is a government in which growth is zero, active is zero and the treatment of poor is zero," Cohen said. "Nothing has been implemented from all the [government's] grandiose plans for structural change."

Soldier-prisoners take nine wardens hostage

Soldiers imprisoned in IDF prison No. 6 revolted yesterday afternoon, taking over one of the wings and capturing nine wardens to protest conditions in their ward, the ward for difficult prisoners. Deputy OC Manpower Brig.-Gen. On Regonis and Military Police were still negotiating with the prisoners last night and a police anti-terror unit, ambulances and fire trucks were on call outside the prison gates. The prisoners, armed with knives and flammable substances, threatened to commit suicide if the anti-terror unit attempted to enter the section of the prison in which they had barricaded themselves. Officials said they would only send in the anti-terror unit if they feared the hostages would be harmed. By evening, the prisoners

released four of the wardens, one of whom was lightly injured. Larissa Pitkovski, whose son Alexei has been imprisoned for over two weeks for desertion, said her son telephoned her yesterday afternoon and asked her to contact the media to explain their situation. "They took this action because of the bad relations inside the prison walls. He told me that for over a week he had been in chains for 24 hours a day. He said I should contact the media to publicize their claims regarding the bad conditions, which they say is the only reason for their action." Meanwhile, parents of the the wardens gathered outside the prison gates. The mother of one hostage said she wasn't surprised by the incident. (Titm)

WORLDVIEW

Aspirin turns 100

Washington (Washington Post) - It was 100 years ago - Aug. 10, 1897 - that a 29-year-old German chemist named Felix Hoffmann figured out how to chemically alter salicylic acid, an age-old pain-relief compound extracted from willow bark, so it would be kinder to the stomach. By adding one acetyl molecule to salicylic acid, he launched a new medicine that would change millions of lives. Hoffmann had a professional and a personal interest in improving salicylic acid, which, in its pure form, is very irritating to the stomach. In those days, chemists generally mixed a compound of sodium salicylic acid, which helped mute some of the gastric side effects but was still very irritating. See ASPIRIN, Page 4



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Clinton declares \$2.4b. war on diabetes

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — The US government will intensify the search for a cure for diabetes and expand benefits for diabetics under a \$2.4 billion war on the country's seventh leading killer, President Bill Clinton said Friday.

In a speech at Georgetown University Medical Center, Clinton said legislation he signed on Tuesday aimed at balancing the federal budget by 2002 included spending that "will take us a tremendous step forward in our fight against diabetes."

"These investments total more than \$2 billion over the next five years," Clinton said. "They will strengthen our efforts to find a cure, to help our most vulnerable citizens better manage the disease, to prevent some of its most traumatic, costly, and life-threatening complications."

Diabetes is America's seventh leading cause of death.

Eight million Americans are diagnosed with it and another 8 million are believed to have it as well but have not been diagnosed. It causes kidney disease, heart disease, blindness, and amputations.

The largest part of the program is an expansion of insurance benefits by \$2.1 billion over five years for 3.2 million senior citizens with diabetes.

Their benefits will now cover training for managing their treatment themselves and will make blood glucose monitors available to all beneficiaries with diabetes.

The program also includes \$150 million in new spending for research to prevent and cure Type 1, or juvenile, diabetes, which afflicts

700,000 to 1 million people.

Another \$150 million will go toward preventing and treating diabetes among Native Americans, who are almost three times as likely to suffer from the disease as others in the US population.

"Taken together, these initiatives can make life-changing differences for millions of Americans," Clinton said.

Robert Wood Johnson, chairman of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International, said the money for research on juvenile diabetes would help against one of the most chronic diseases of childhood.

"Insulin is not a cure for this devastating disease. But 25 years of research progress has brought us to the threshold of that cure," he said.



Elderly Japanese Christian women in Nagasaki pray yesterday for victims of the atomic bomb that fell there in 1945. (Reuters)

Nagasaki remembers the day the bomb fell

TOKYO (AP) — Bells tolled in temples and churches while Nagasaki paused yesterday to remember the moment 52 years ago when a US atomic bomb devastated the southwestern Japanese city.

A crowd estimated at about 22,000 gathered in intermittent light rain in the city's Peace Park for an annual memorial ceremony, which began at 11:02 a.m., the instant when the bomb exploded on Aug. 9, 1945.

The park, once a thriving business and residential area, was at the epicenter of the blast, which killed more than 70,000 people and reduced the port city's northern section to heaps of rubble and smoking cinders.

The explosion came three days after the bombing of Hiroshima, in which about 140,000 people died in the world's first atomic attack.

Addressing the crowd, Nagasaki Mayor Ichio Ito criticized the United States for conducting a low-level nuclear test last month in Nevada.

"We vehemently denounce the test, which was conducted with disregard for global criticism and we demand the suspension of all tests related to nuclear weapons," Ito said.

The United States says such low-level tests do not violate the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban, because they don't produce a self-sustaining nuclear reaction.

Hiroshima Mayor Takashi Hirakawa also criticized

the testing during remarks made at his city's annual ceremony Wednesday.

In Nagasaki, people, including survivors and families of victims, prayed for the souls of the dead. Some offered strings of colorful folded paper cranes, a Japanese symbol of peace and longevity.

The city observed a moment of silence and doves were released into the air.

Some who offered prayers made the sign of the cross, a reminder of Nagasaki's large Christian population and the city's long history as an entry point for foreign ideas.

The vast majority of Japanese believe the bombings were unjustified, despite the country's war of aggression. US wartime leaders defended the atomic attacks as the only alternative to a bloody invasion of Japan, a view which many outside Japan still hold.

"The citizens of Nagasaki cannot tolerate the fact that there is still a body of opinion trying to justify the atomic bombings. At the same time we must confront and reflect deeply upon the fact of Japan's history of invasion and aggression in the Asia-Pacific region," Ito said.

Few traces of the bombing remain visible in Nagasaki. Unlike Hiroshima, where the half-destroyed Atomic Dome was left as a memorial to the bomb, Nagasaki rebuilt everything, including a cathedral destroyed in the blast.



A South Korean woman who fainted at the crash site in Guam of the Korean jetliner is helped by a US soldier yesterday. (Reuters)

Crew error seen in Guam crash

AGANA, Guam (AP) — A preliminary analysis of the data and voice recorders indicate the cockpit crew members of a doomed Korean Air jet had no idea they were headed toward disaster, National Transportation Safety Board investigators said.

"There was no indication the crew was reporting anything wrong with the aircraft," Gregory Feith, the top investigator on the NTSB team, said this weekend.

Crew members of Flight 801 sent no distress messages to the control tower in the minutes before their fiery crash Wednesday in Guam. But investigators emphasized it was still far too early to pinpoint the cause of the crash, which killed 225 travelers going from the South Korean capital of Seoul to Guam.

Among the key points that investigators want to nail down are the effects of the driving rain that was falling on the night of the

crash, the technique the pilot used to land the plane and whether runway lights were on.

But the evidence seems to point toward human error, since the pilot appeared to be in full control of the plane at the time of the crash, NTSB board member George Black said.

"That's usually the situation or someone's interpretation of something, some kind of fault, because we don't intend for aircraft to run into the ground," he said, adding that "it's too early to talk about what or who that someone was — or something was."

Federal investigators, in Guam since Thursday, said they would have to study more evidence and receive a full transcript of cockpit conversations from analysts looking at the 'black boxes' in Washington to get a better idea of what happened.

NTSB Chairman Jim Hall said Friday in Miami that Korean air-

line officials were on hand to ensure that the recorded conversations — which were in Korean — were correctly translated.

The Boeing 747 was carrying 254 passengers when it crashed into the dense underbrush of a rocky hill on this US-governed Pacific island. Investigators said 29 people survived.

One of the survivors, 11-year-old Rika Matsuda, her small face bruised and puffy, visited a hill near the wreckage Friday to lay a bouquet of yellow flowers in memory of her mother, who died in the crash.

Later, Buddhist monks in orange and black robes led a memorial service on the hill. About 50 mourners, mostly relatives, bowed their heads and wept quietly as the monks chanted prayers, rang chimes and burned incense.

The NTSB will show photographs of 50-60 remains that are visually identifiable to family

members to try and hasten the identification process, said Matt Furman, an NTSB official assisting families in claiming the remains.

The plane's pilot, Park Yong-chul, 44, also died in the crash. NTSB officials were looking into his condition before the flight — a South Korean newspaper has suggested he may not have had enough rest before the Seoul-Guam trip.

Black dismissed as unlikely an NBC report that the pilot may have confused two navigational beacons, which could have led him to try to land the plane on the hill thinking it was the runway instead.

"This is not the sort of mistake you normally make," Black said, adding that even if the three-member cockpit team had confused the beacons — which have different frequencies — it would not have led to Wednesday's crash.

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ASPIRIN
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As an employee of the Frederick Bayer Co., Hoffmann was part of a team charged with looking for new drugs to control pain. But the problem of chronic pain and inflammation also hit home for Hoffmann.

His father was severely disabled by agonizing joint pain. Hoffmann's father developed chronic stomach ulcers and bleeding from taking high doses of the medicine.

Medical historians differ on how Hoffmann made his discovery. Some say he synthesized it through trial and error in his laboratory.

Others contend that he "rediscovered the wheel," after reading a scientific paper by a German scientist, Charles Frederic von Gerhardt, who had first extracted acetyl salicylic acid from willow bark in 1853.

Von Gerhardt's compound, which was difficult to synthesize, was largely ignored for the next 50 years. According to this version of the story, Hoffmann improved upon that extraction process, making it easier and faster to manufacture the drug.

However the discovery occurred, the finding kindled interest in the drug by Bayer officials. They sought a patent for this new version of salicylic acid, but were denied it. They then took another tack and registered acetyl salicylic acid under the trade name Aspirin. "A" stood for acetyl,

"spir" came from the German word Spürsaure, an old synonym for salicylic acid and "in" was a common suffix for drug names.

By 1899, Bayer was distributing a powdered form of aspirin to physicians for use by patients with arthritis.

The use of aspirin quickly caught on as physicians found that the drug was effective at controlling fevers, relieving pain and reducing all types of inflammation.

As medical historian Jan R. McTavish noted in a 1987 paper on aspirin published in the journal *Pharmacy in History*, the drug "was soon the preferred treatment for headache, toothache, and other minor pains, especially in influenza, the common cold or 'alcoholic indisposition.'"

By 1900, aspirin became the first drug available in a water-soluble tablet, which cut the cost in half. By 1906, aspirin was Bayer's best-selling drug and by 1914, it was one of the most widely used medications in the world, according to McTavish. The following year, aspirin became available without a doctor's prescription, widening its use even more.

Drug manufacturers jockeyed to gain control of this burgeoning market. But because Bayer held the trademark on the name aspirin, the company was able to successfully press claims that any doctor who prescribed aspirin prescribe the Bayer brand. Even today, in Germany and 70 other countries, including Israel, the name Aspirin is a trademark that belongs exclusively to Bayer AG.

Holbrooke: NATO will get Karadzic

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — US envoy Richard Holbrooke Friday ruled out a proposal from former Bosnian Serb president Radovan Karadzic, an indicted war criminal, that he be tried within Bosnia under international supervision.

Calling Karadzic's proposal "bizarre and totally unacceptable," Holbrooke said the former Bosnian Serb leader could expect no special deals.

"That is out of the question. He has got to be brought to justice," Holbrooke said in an interview in Belgrade after talks with Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

The Bosnian Serbs' wartime president is rarely seen in public but his heavily armed guards are a fixture in Pale, the town where he maintains his headquarters just outside Sarajevo.

In an interview published in the German newspaper *Sueddeutsche Zeitung* on Friday, Karadzic said he might be willing to face trial in Bosnia — where the local Serb judiciary is largely controlled by the ruling nationalist party he once led.

Holbrooke, who has gone to the former Yugoslavia on a mission to shore up the fraying peace, said his talks with Milosevic were part of "three steps forward" posted recently in implementing the 1995 Dayton peace accords.

These include a deal worked out with Bosnia's Serb, Croat and Moslem leaders to parcel out key ambassadorial appointments equitably, an agreement on telephone area codes in the country, and a NATO decision to treat military police in Bosnia just like soldiers.

"They will be treated absolutely identically to other forces. If they misbehave, they will be so treated." Asked if this meant that NATO forces could move closer to capturing Karadzic, Holbrooke indicated this was possible.

"I'm not going to even say that the two are directly related, but these paramilitary police are in all three factions and NATO will implement this in an evenhanded way. Karadzic is an indicted war criminal," he said.

Holbrooke, who was expected to threaten Milosevic with economic sanctions unless the Yugoslav leader lived up to his commitments under the Dayton accords, said he believed the United States would not give up its efforts in Bosnia.

"My own view has always been clear and I think the president shares this view. We have a mission in Bosnia, we're going to get it done. We're not going to walk away and let this go down the drain."

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SPORTS

in brief

FIFA urge suspension of top Australian club

SYDNEY (Reuters) - FIFA has urged Soccer Australia to suspend top club Sydney United for taking the domestic governing body to court in a bid to avoid possible axing from the national league because of crowd trouble.

In a letter released by Soccer Australia on Friday, the sport's world body said United should be barred from competition until they drop their current court case.

In a message released on Friday by Soccer Australia, FIFA said: "We herewith urge you (SA) to immediately suspend club Sydney United until they withdraw their complaint in the Supreme Court."

By winning an injunction last week, United prevented Soccer Australia from taking disciplinary action over crowd violence at a national league match in May.

Soccer Australia reported United's action to FIFA as a breach of its international statutes banning clubs from taking a national association to court.

Dutch soccer players axed for alleged group sex

AMSTERDAM (AP) - Soccer club Telstar has fired four players who allegedly had sex with a 15-year-old girl during a pre-season training camp, the Dutch media reported Friday.

The girl, who was not named, did not report the incident to police and no criminal charges have been filed against any of the players.

"Whether this was consensual or not, our reputation has been sullied. That's what this is about," Telstar chairman Jan de Wit told the Dutch daily *Algemeen Dagblad*.

The legal age of consent in the Netherlands is 16.

The players, Benito Cooman, Ray Inge, Dave Kuysten and Orpheo Nok, allegedly all had sex with the girl in a car parked outside the team's hotel on July 26.

Pavarotti backs Rome 2004 bid

ROME (Reuters) - World-renowned Italian tenor Luciano Pavarotti has thrown his considerable weight behind Rome's bid to stage the 2004 Olympic Games.

Pavarotti will travel to Lausanne, Switzerland, for the International Olympic Committee's vital meeting on September 5, when the successful candidate will be announced.

Rome is favored to win the bid, ahead of Athens, Cape Town, Stockholm and Buenos Aires.

"It will be an honor to go to Lausanne," Pavarotti said after accepting an invitation from Italian Sports Minister Walter Veltroni.

Pavarotti, along with Spanish tenors Placido Domingo and Jose Carreras, helped popularize opera with a concert in Rome's third-century Baths of Caracalla during the 1990 soccer World Cup finals.

Linford Christie retires at last

ATHENS (AP) - He's been saying it for over a year and now he's finally done it. Former world and Olympic 100-meter champion Linford Christie said yesterday he had run his last race.

The 37-year-old sprinter, who has now turned to coaching, told the BBC that he had decided to retire from the track after finally losing the enthusiasm he once thrived on.

"I woke up this morning and felt I didn't need the tension any more," Christie said in an interview.

"I thought to myself 'What's the point in carrying on?' I have decided that I won't be running again."

Christie, who won the Olympic title in Barcelona in 1992 and the world championship at Stuttgart a year later, said in a tearful outburst on TV some 18 months ago that his retirement was imminent because he felt he did not get the credit he deserved from the British media.

His final appearance at the Olympics last year in Atlanta, where he was defending his title, ended in despair when he was disqualified for two false starts.

Christie at first refused to leave the track, disputing the calls.

He decided to run in selected races this season but not in the World Championship. His roles in Athens were as coach to British athletes Jamie Baulch and Darren Campbell and Jamaica's Juliet Cuthbert and also giving an expert analysis for the BBC.



UNDER PRESSURE - Springbok Russell Bennett (No. 15) tries to intercept a pass by New Zealand All Black Taine Randall in the Tri Nations match at Eden Park, Auckland yesterday.

All Blacks sink spirited Springboks 55-35

AUCKLAND (Reuters) - The All Blacks overwhelmed the Springboks 55-35 in a hard-fought Test match at Eden Park yesterday, claiming their win by a record margin with a rollicking display of rugby.

In a fast and action-packed game, New Zealand outscored the South Africans by seven tries to five to tighten their grasp on the Tri-Nations championship.

It was the highest score an All Blacks side has ever posted against South Africa and the largest winning margin.

But it was the underdog Springboks who drew first blood when just two minutes into the game they engineered a powerful rolling maul to send flanker Ruben Kruger in for the first try.

The lead changed hands regularly in the first half as each team vied for dominance in a blistering, often violent encounter. With three tries apiece there was little between the arch rivals at the break, the All Blacks ahead 23-21.

Two penalties early in the second spell widened the home side's lead, but it was a red card offence by South African loose forward Andre Venter which swung the match decisively in New Zealand's favor.

Venter was sent off 10 minutes into the second half for stomping on All Black captain Sean Fitzpatrick's face while he was on the ground in a ruck.

The Springboks were forced to play the remaining 30 minutes with only 14 men, and the All Blacks took full advantage, piercing their weakened opponents' defence to score four more tries.

The Springboks staged a spirited rally as full-time neared, crossing twice, but their fate had already been sealed.

The win puts the All Blacks firmly in control of the Tri-Nations series, and only Australia now have any chance of wresting the championship from them.

Strang spins Kent to top of the table

LONDON (Reuters) - Zimbabwe leg-spinner Paul Strang produced a telling spell of four for 36 in 10 overs to bowl Kent to the top of the English county championship yesterday.

Strang finished with five for 119 from 36 overs as Kent beat Essex by an innings and eight runs to the fourth and last day at Canterbury.

Essex, following on 369 behind, were dismissed for 361, to which their captain Paul Pritchard contributed an outstanding 224.

Pritchard had made 171 out of the overnight 277 for five, and continued to battle almost single handedly as

Strang worked through the lower order.

The Essex opener, batting with a runner because of hamstring problems, was finally prised out by fast bowler Martin McCague, having faced 295 deliveries and hit 35 fours.

Kent's win lifted them from third to first in the championship on 171 points from 12 matches. Second-placed Glamorgan, who were not involved in the current round of fixtures, have 159 points from 11 games.

Gloucestershire, third on 158 points after 12 games, were denied victory by Somerset last pair Graham Rose and Kevin Shine, who survived the final

37 balls to force a draw at Taunton.

Somerset, set 277 to win in a minimum of 45 overs, collapsed to 38 for six before all-rounder Rose put a good batting pitch in perspective with a chanceless 67 not out off 120 balls.

Rose found an effective ally in Pakistan leg spinner Mushtaq Ahmed, the pair adding 65 for the seventh wicket as Somerset edged to safety at 138 for nine.

Another Pakistan Test slow bowler, off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq, captured five for 111 as Surrey beat Durham by nine wickets at The Oval.

Saqlain had match figures for 10

Grobbleaar trial comes to not-guilty end

WINCHESTER, England (AP) - The two trials lasted 17 weeks and cost about £12 million to prosecute.

And when the second one ended on Friday, all for defendants were acquitted in England's biggest soccer match-fixing scandal in 33 years.

Zimbabwean goalkeeper Bruce Grobbleaar - the best known of the four - was cleared Friday on the last of three counts of throwing games for money in the early 90s in the English Premier League.

On Thursday, the panel of six women and five men cleared the other three defendants on the first two counts - former English soccer stars John Fashanu and Hans Segers and Malaysian businessman Heng Suan Lin.

The first trial, which was big news, ended in March with a hung jury after 34 days.

This retrial lasted 46 days and was largely ignored by the British press until the very end. The jury was able to decide on the first two counts, but when it was hung on Friday on the final count the judge, Sir Charles McCullough, ruled Grobbleaar not guilty.

The third count against only Grobbleaar - the former Liverpool and Southampton star - alleged he accepted £2,000 on November 3, 1994, to let in goals while he was playing for Southampton.

The jurors spent much of the last few days looking at a videotape of the incident - a so-called "sting" launched by the tabloid *Sun* newspaper and Grobbleaar's former business partner, Chris Vincent.

In the video, Grobbleaar was alleged to have talked about throwing games for money.

The jury wasn't convinced and the Crown Prosecution Service immediately it would not seek a third trial.

Grobbleaar, 39, talked immediately about returning to play professionally in England and internationally with Zimbabwe. And he said his name and soccer's had been cleared.

"The verdicts of today and yesterday are a victory for football," he said. "Right from the beginning there has never been a game thrown either in the future or in the past. It is a victory for football worldwide."

"I can tell you it has been sheer hell for my family," Grobbleaar added. "For me to go through this has been sheer hell."

"I really do not want to go into the ins and outs of how it's been because then I might be revealing too much."

"But for people who have not seen what I have at the age I am now it must be more dreadful," Grobbleaar, who played last season for Second-Division Plymouth, said he had received three calls on Thursday from interested teams. He also said he hoped to play for Zimbabwe against Cameroon in a World Cup qualifier on August 17 in Harare.

Grobbleaar and ex-Wimbledon keeper Segers, 35, were accused of receiving money to let in goals and throw games. The prosecution alleged Lin, 32, was the British end of a Far Eastern gambling syndicate and that he and former Wimbledon striker Fashanu, 34, had passed on the cash.

Although Fashanu declined to testify, Lin, Grobbleaar and Segers all said that money changed hands but said it was solely for forecasting results.

Fashanu was said to have made £250,000 in his role as the middleman, and Segers was alleged to have received more than £100,000 from Lin.

Lin was said to have received about £600,000 to fix the matches. The prosecution also alleged that Fashanu paid Grobbleaar £40,000 for one Liverpool loss.

The case was the biggest scandal to hit English soccer since 1964 when Peter Swan, David "Bronco" Layne and Tony Kay, all in or on the fringe of the England team, were jailed for four months and banned for life for corruption.

The Football Association, which runs the game in England, Thursday announced a review of rules on betting and forecasting.

Britain's Inland Revenue, prompted by revelations in the trial, is also opening an investigation into tax dodging that came to light in the trial.

Mets get Rojas, Wendell, McRae from Cubs for Johnson

NEW YORK (Reuters) - The New York Mets have traded veteran center fielder Lance Johnson and two players to be named to the Chicago Cubs in exchange for relievers Mel Rojas and Turk Wendell and center fielder Brian McRae.

New Mets general manager Steve Phillips, who was promoted when Joe McLivaine was demoted on July 16th, faced criticism for failing to engineer a deal before the July 31st waiver trading deadline to help a struggling bullpen.

But Phillips was able to add two relievers from the Cubs with Friday's deal.

"We are committed to making a run for the playoffs," Phillips said.

"Brian McRae will do a good job in centerfield, and Mel Rojas and Turk Wendell lighten the burden on Greg McMichael as the setup man."

Johnson, who has been bothered by shin splints this year, is 34. Rojas, who struggled in the first half of the season but has been pitching well lately, is 30. McRae is 29 and Wendell is 30.

In another move on Friday, the San Francisco Giants claimed left-hander Terry Mulholland off waivers from the Cubs.

Mulholland, who began his career with the Giants and joins them for the third time, had signed a one-year, \$2.3 million free agent deal with the Cubs before the season.

National League				American League					
East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB	East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	73	44	.624	-	Baltimore	70	40	.638	-
Florida	67	47	.588	4 1/2	New York	68	46	.599	5
New York	65	49	.570	6 1/2	Boston	57	59	.491	16
Montreal	58	56	.513	12	Toronto	54	58	.482	17
Philadelphia	38	75	.336	33	Detroit	53	59	.473	18
Central Division				Central Division					
Houston	61	55	.526	-	Cleveland	57	53	.518	-
Pittsburgh	57	59	.481	4	Milwaukee	55	57	.491	3 1/2
St. Louis	53	62	.461	7 1/2	Chicago	54	58	.482	4 1/2
Cincinnati	48	65	.425	11 1/2	Minnesota	50	63	.442	9
Chicago	47	69	.405	14	Kansas City	47	65	.420	11 1/2
West Division				West Division					
San Francisco	65	51	.560	-	Anheim	65	49	.570	-
Los Angeles	63	52	.548	1 1/2	Seattle	64	49	.565	1/2
Colorado	55	62	.470	10 1/2	Texas	53	61	.465	12
San Diego	54	61	.470	10 1/2	Oakland	45	71	.388	21

Thursday's NL games: NY Mets 12, Colorado 4; Philadelphia 5, Houston 5; Cincinnati 5, Florida 1; Chicago Cubs 6, San Francisco 3; Cincinnati 7, San Diego 0; Atlanta 3, St. Louis 0; Los Angeles 9, Montreal 4.

Friday's NL games: Chicago Cubs 3, San Diego 1; San Francisco 4, Montreal 0; Los Angeles 10, Cincinnati 5; NY Mets 6, Houston 1; Florida 6, Atlanta 4; St. Louis 6, Philadelphia 1; Colorado 5, Pittsburgh 3.

Thursday's AL games: Detroit 8, Kansas City 4; Oakland 5, Milwaukee 4; 13 innings; Toronto 4, Cleveland 0; Boston 7, Minnesota 6; NY Yankees 4, Texas 2; Seattle 3, Chicago White Sox 2; Friday's AL games: Boston 8, Kansas City 2; Texas 6, Cleveland 5.



Galilee hills alive with the sound of martial arts

The sounds reverberating through the Upper Galilee hills during the past week were unusual for the pastoral setting of the settlements around the northern borders, no it wasn't only katyushas which fell. The shouts and yells of the practitioners of Saisjho Ki Do were very much in evidence as some 800 sportsmen and women, boys and girls gathered in Kibbutz Kfar Giladi's gymnasium for a week-long seminar and evaluation in this martial art form. Pupils from all walks of life and all communities, Druse, Beduin and Moslem, as well as Jews, ranging in ages from 4 1/2 to 50, with ranks going all the way up to third-dan black belt, arrived for the seminar given by English seventh dan, John Judge, who is one of the world's leading practitioners in the sport. Judge was assisted at the seminar by Israeli fifth dan, Danny Hazan, at some stages would lecture a class of over 200 who sat spellbound in total silence. The seminar ends today.

(Text and photo: Lionel Goffen)

Williams look for morale-boosting win in Hungary today

BUDAPEST (Reuters) - Williams, triumphant at the Hungarian Grand Prix 12 months ago, need to win again at the Hungaroring today - but for contrasting reasons.

Last year, the standard-setting Renault-powered Williams team arrived in Budapest wanting just two points for a record-equaling eighth constructors' championship title.

Canadian Jacques Villeneuve won the race and Briton Damon Hill finished second. Williams won the teams' championship and went on to add the drivers' title when Hill clinched his personal success at Suzuka in Japan.

This time, with Ferrari leading the constructors' title race, Williams need victory to boost

morale and keep their ambitions alive.

So a repeat win by Villeneuve would be the ideal result on one of the slowest and most difficult tracks of the year.

"I've got some very good memories from last year so I am looking forward to going back to Hungary," said Villeneuve, whose run of only two victories in seven races has allowed not only Michael Schumacher, but Ferrari to take command of the championship.

"The car should be good on this track. And that will make it very interesting for us. We have struggled a bit this year on the circuits with very high speeds and fast corners, but this is different. There are some tricky corners and it is very difficult to get a good lap because it is a very

physical place and it will be easy to race. Overtaking is a problem - so qualifying will be especially interesting this time."

Since he recorded the team's 100th victory in Formula One at the British Grand Prix in July, both Villeneuve and Williams have struggled to convince most observers that they retain the competitive edge which set them apart from the rest last year and earlier this season.

Villeneuve's Williams team mate Heinz-Harald Frentzen has also struggled and in recent races, while Williams have laboured to stay in touch with Ferrari, Benetton have responded by bouncing back to their best form.

Austrian veteran Gerhard Berger's emotional victory in the German Grand Prix at

Hockenheim two weekends ago has raised Benetton morale and prompted talk of a late challenge for the title.

"They could be the team we have to watch more than Williams now," said German Schumacher. "But I expect them to bounce back."

Williams, having lost race engineer David Brown and chief designer Adrian Newey to McLaren in the last year, and enduring the pressure of the ongoing Ayrton Senna trial at Imola, have found it difficult to maintain their momentum.

The impending loss of Renault as a partner at the end of the year and the involved preparations required for the 1998 technical regulations

have also contributed to the team's loss of form.

But in recent years, Williams have enjoyed racing at the Hungaroring where, in 1992, Nigel Mansell clinched his world title and where, in 1993, Hill claimed his first win.

In both 1995 and 1996 they enjoyed one-two finishes and a similar result this year would help banish worries over the team's stuttering form.

But Schumacher and Ferrari are likely to be as strong as ever on the 3,968-kms track just north of the Hungarian capital and a fierce qualifying battle is in prospect.

ISRAELI SHARES IN NEW YORK

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WALL STREET REPORT

Dow falls 156 points

NEW YORK (AP) — An avalanche of profit-taking sliced more than 150 points off the Dow Jones industrial average Friday as interest rates soared again in a bond market suddenly stricken with inflation jitters.

On Wall Street, the Dow fell about 156.78 points to 8,031.22 — a drop of 1.9 percent — recovering from a loss of nearly 212 points that briefly put the famed market barometer below the 8,000 mark.

Broader stock indicators also posted heavy losses, starting the day sharply lower as interest rates continued a week-long ascent from last week's 17-month lows.

WALL STREET WEEK

Table showing key representative rates for US Dollar, Sterling, and Mark.

OTHER MARKET INDEXES

Table showing other market indexes including FTSE 100, Singapore 30-share index, and Hang Kong Hang Seng index.

DOLLAR CROSSEARS (US)

Table showing dollar cross rates for various currencies like Pound, Deutsche, Swiss, etc.

US COMMODITIES

Table showing US commodity prices for items like Cocoa, Coffee, Wheat, etc.

LONDON COMMODITIES

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SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

Table showing spot market metal prices for Gold, Silver, etc.

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

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LONDON METAL FIXES

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WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) — British shares ended mixed on Friday as investors took profits in blue chips after this week's record-setting rally and funnelled profits into mid-caps, which have lagged far behind the key FTSE 100 this year.

Wall St. does bungee jump

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market did its impression of a bungee jumper again on Friday, diving off a cliff with the type of reckless abandon that can only come with confidence.

Make no mistake. It was a death-defying leap, even by the Dow's inflated standards. Two hundred points may not mean what it used to, but it was still a 2.5 percent plunge (the Dow recovered about 50 points of its loss by Friday's close).

The basic problem is that the market has done so well, said A. Marshall Acuff Jr., market strategist at Smith Barney. "We've gotten to the point where sentiment is pretty darn positive. In that setting, you're bound to get some disruptions. But what we're seeing is normal profit-taking subsequent to a big rise in equity prices."

Yes, there were signs over the past week that business activity was picking up again at a pace that might set off some inflation alarms at the Federal Reserve. All in all, though, the basic outlook for steady growth and tame inflation has remained unscathed, and the Fed may very well continue to tilt investors with its surprising restraint in not raising interest rates to slow things down.

CURRENCY REPORT

Dollar slide worst in three months

NEW YORK (AP) — The dollar suffered the worst one-day slide in three months Friday after Japan reported another bulging trade surplus and the Bundesbank's top economist suggested it is ready to raise interest rates.

In Japan and much of Europe. The reversal pushed the dollar back to its lowest level vs. the yen since July 15 and the lowest against the mark since July 31.

In New York, the dollar fell to 114.95 yen from 118.45 yen Thursday, down 2.9 percent. The dollar fell to 1.8473 marks from 1.8633 Thursday, down 1.1 percent. Both were the biggest one-day declines in the dollar since May 20.

The pound fell to \$1.5855 in New York from \$1.5893, its second consecutive 10-month low. The slide reflected the spreading impact of the Bank of England's announcement after raising interest rates Thursday that further increases weren't likely for awhile.

The announcement undermined a major assumption in the foreign-exchange market that Britain's ebullient economy would require higher rates to thwart inflation. Rising rates tend to help a currency's value.

Traders attributed part of the dollar weakness Friday to Japan's report that its broadest measure of trade rose nearly 60% in June from a year earlier, the third straight monthly advance, largely on increased sales of autos and office equipment.

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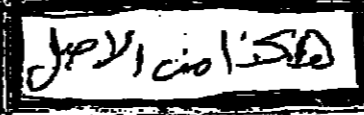
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CRITICS' CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The Israel Chamber Music Institute summer program participants present a concert of Viennese operetta highlights tonight (8) at the Israel Music Conservatory in Tel Aviv.

The Keshet Eilon summer violin courses reach their finale with a gala concert tonight (8:30) at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center.



One of composer Oded Zehavi's new works will be premiered by Keshet Eilon faculty and students tonight.

makes clear it's that he is, above all, a fantastic actor, a man who has cast himself in the part of soul-bearing vulgarian and thoroughly mastered the role.

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

The French Arte Channel (42) is dedicating a special evening tonight to Elvis Presley on the 20th anniversary of his death.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

PRIVATE PARTS - Based on the autobiography of the nude, crude New York radio personality, Howard Stern, Betty Thomas's film is one of the more entertaining bits of celebrity self-aggrandizement to surface in a long time.

SELF-MADE HERO - Jacques Audiard's film begins with the small, funny story of a provincial French boy with a lively imagination.

TV

17:15 American Chart Show... 18:00 French programs... 19:00 News in French... 19:30 News headlines

CHANNEL 1... 6:30 News Flash... 6:31 News in Arabic... 6:45 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV... 10:30 The Intrepid... 11:30 Master of Time... 12:10 A.J., Time Traveller

MIDDLE EAST TV... 10:30 Changed Lives... 11:00 Ministry... 11:30 Hour of Power

CHANNEL 1... 15:30 Zappy Wave... 15:35 Driver, the Last Dinosaur... 15:50 Dudu's Adventures

CHANNEL 1... 15:50 Heartbreak High... 16:45 Good Morning... 16:59 A New Evening

CHANNEL 1... 17:35 News in English... 17:45 World Track and Field Championships... 20:00 News

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

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6 Stayed puritanical? (5-5)... 7 Greek governor has cancelled the parade (7)

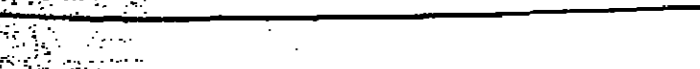
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SOLUTIONS... SEAT OF THE PANTS... O I B B A N B H E... I O B B A N B H E... I O B B A N B H E

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS... 1 Performing (7)... 5 Wail loudly (4)... 7 Astound (5)

1 Literary thief (10)... 2 Specialist school (7)... 3 Roman date (4)



NEWS

in brief

Psychologists ordered back to work

The government's arbitration board on Friday ordered striking psychologists back to work. The strikers' committee, which meets today, gave no immediate response. The Histadrut has already warned that it would oppose a back-to-work order. The strike by public service psychologists began about 12 weeks ago in demand of higher wages.

IMI to sell Uzis in US

Israel Military Industries Ltd. hopes to sell thousands of Uzi semi-automatic weapons to civilians in the US in the next few months, an official said last week. The company received permission last month from the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to market versions of the Uzi and the Galil semi-automatic rifle after an 11-year US ban on the import of around 20 types of semi-automatic weapons in an attempt to cut violent crime. The weapons will be marketed under a joint venture with US gun manufacturer O.F. Mossberg & Sons.

US haredi compensated in jay-walking case

A haredi man accepted a \$7,000 settlement from the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, for being forced to violate the Sabbath. The 27-year-old Los Angeles resident decided to accept the settlement and cancel legal proceedings against the city. In September 1994, on his way home from services, he was detained by a policeman for crossing on a red light. The officer made him sit in the police car and sign the summons. Since he was not carrying a wallet because of the Sabbath, he had no identification. The cop told him if he did not sign the summons, he would be placed under arrest.

Study: Downtown Jerusalem hospital vital

An examination of the handling of victims from the Mahaneh Yehuda terror blasts has shown the importance of the existence of Bikur Holim Hospital in downtown Jerusalem, the hospital said yesterday. According to the study, conducted by Magen David Adom and security authorities, the first seven people who were wounded reached the hospital, located a few blocks from the market, within five minutes of the explosions. During the past decade, there were a number of attempts to close down Bikur Holim as an efficiency measure, even though the rest of the capital's hospitals are several kilometers away from the center of town, where terror attacks have occurred.

Joint checking repaid wartime loans to Jews

NEW YORK - The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee has decided to investigate whether it ever repaid all the European Jews who lent money during World War II to help with relief work and with clandestine rescues of Jews from Nazi-held areas. "Large numbers of loans were repaid during and after the war," Michael Schneider, the Joint's executive vice president, said Friday in New York. "However, it has come to our attention that some of those individuals who loaned money to JDC may not have come forward to be reimbursed or may have perished in the Holocaust," Schneider said. He said an independent committee chaired by Dr. Yitzhak Arad, former chairman of Yad Vashem, will probe the matter. Interest in reopening the case has apparently been stirred by recent probes into the status of dormant accounts held by Holocaust victims and survivors in Swiss banks. "We have always done the right thing," Schneider said. "We intend

to continue to do so." The investigation, Schneider added, will mean "revisiting the most painful episode in Jewish history, the genocide of our people and JDC's desperate efforts to save them." The Joint has been credited with saving 400,000 Jews from the Nazis, by a clandestine network that operated alongside the provision of emergency food and medical supplies. The so-called "Apres" program was documented in papers that were hidden by Professor Emmanuel Ringelblum, a resistance leader who perished in the Warsaw Ghetto. As an American organization, the Joint was not allowed to transfer currency to Nazi-governed areas to finance its relief efforts, and borrowed from local Jews for whom the loans were a way of getting their money out of Europe. Lenders were to be reimbursed when they reached safer turf. Many were, but the organization lost track of many files that were lost in the war along with many JDC personnel, the organization said.

Israeli Arab delegation arrives in Syria

DAMASCUS (AP) - Israel was making matters worse in the Middle East, the delegation of over 40 Israeli Arab leaders that is visiting Damascus told Syrian officials. The delegation, which includes MKs, local council heads and journalists, was invited by Syrian President Hafez Assad and many of its members made clear their support for Syria's demand that Israel return the Golan Heights as part of a peace agreement. "The visit comes within the framework of supporting the just Syrian stances aiming at achieving a just and comprehensive peace," said MK Abdel Wahab Darawshie (Democratic Arab Party). The delegation, which will spend a week in Syria, was greeted at the airport early Friday by the mayor of Damascus. Later, the members

visited Syria's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where MK Sallah Tariff (Labor) placed a wreath on the tomb. "We are on the brink of an abyss on all fronts, especially on the military front, and there is a real danger for a war," he said. "But I am sure Netanyahu cannot continue using military might against the Arab world." Also Friday the delegation visited the Martyrs Cemetery in Najha outside Damascus, the Ummayyad Mosque and the tomb of Saladin. "This nation that offered this big number of honored martyrs will be able to defeat all its enemies," Palestinian poet Samih Kassim told reporters at the cemetery. The delegation did not bring any official message from Israel. "We only carry love and peace to our

brethren in Syria," Shfarim Mayor Ibrahim Nimr Hussein said. The delegation will meet Assad, Foreign Minister Farouk Shara, and other senior officials, as well as leaders of opposition Palestinian groups. Hussein said he hoped to persuade Assad to push for an Arab summit to put pressure on the Netanyahu government. The delegates went via Cairo after obtaining temporary travel documents from the Syrian consul. This was necessary since Syria is technically still at war with Israel and refuses entry to Israeli passport holders. The last such visit was in 1994 when a small Israeli Arab delegation arrived in Syria to pay their respects to Assad after his son Basil died in a car accident.



Leah Rabin visits market

Leah Rabin, the widow of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, gives a clock to Yisrael Salah, who was injured in the July 30 Mahaneh Yehuda bombing. During her visit to the market on Friday, Rabin, surrounded by a ring of police, was heckled by vendors and shoppers.

No deal yet on Nazi gold

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The head of the US government task force on Nazi gold said on Friday that he hoped to persuade European nations to distribute some six tons of Nazi gold to Holocaust survivors, but that there was no agreement to do so yet. Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs Stuart Eizenstat said that he was hoping to forge a common position by next week with Britain and France, which together with the US are members of a commission controlling distribution of the gold. "Once these three countries reach consensus, another dozen European nations would need to agree to renounce their claims to the gold, worth some \$68

million. "We're very pleased so far with the positive attitude that the British and French government have shown to try to deal with this contentious issue in ways that do justice to the victims," Eizenstat said. But he denied a report from earlier in the week quoting sources close to the negotiations as saying that agreement to distribute the gold to survivors already had been reached. "There has not yet been an agreement... We are evolving a position that we will hopefully be able to announce next week. But we do not have at this point consensus among the other countries who have a claim to it [the gold] as to what should happen to it," Eizenstat said.

Jewish US assemblyman indicted for fraud

NEW YORK - New York State Assemblyman Dov Hikind, from Brooklyn, will be arraigned tomorrow in federal court on charges of fraud and misappropriating federal money. The Borough Park Democrat, who has supported Republican officials in New York, denies the charges, claiming they are "baseless and politically motivated." He was indicted Thursday on 36 counts, including misappropriation of federal funds, criminal conspiracy, fraud and corrupt solicitation. Some funds allegedly went toward school and camp tuition for his children and for family trips to Israel and France. Hikind, 47, faces a maximum of 10 years in prison, if convicted. The charges against Hikind, who is Orthodox, the son of Holocaust survivors and formerly active in the Jewish Defense League, stem from charges filed last December against officials of the Council of Jewish Organizations (COJO) in Borough Park.

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Clalit seeks license for insurance company

Kupat Holim Clalit has applied to the Insurance Commissioner for a license to set up an insurance company to handle its nursing insurance and other supplementary health insurance, as it doesn't want the profits to be funneled into private insurance companies. Clalit's contract with Dikla, the Histadrut-affiliated insurance company that carries out its supplementary schemes, is due to expire at the end of this year. Health fund director-general Dr. Yitzhak Peterburg said at a national seminar for insurance agents last week that the national health insurance system has many benefits, but that the difficulties are connected not with the law but the fact that "it isn't fully implemented by the government." Peterburg noted the constant erosion of health taxes in comparison with the growth of medical care expenses. The Health Ministry spokesman said it hadn't received any information about a Clalit request to set up an insurance company, but in any case, the ministry can't intervene in such a request as it has no authority to do so. Peterburg attacked the private insurance companies for "carrying out a coordinated campaign" to transfer what little profits there are in the deficit-ridden health system to private companies and to hand out dividends to their shareholders.

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